

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

June 11, 2007
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kathy Keolker called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

TONI NELSON, Council President; RANDY CORMAN; DON PERSSON; MARCIE PALMER; DENIS LAW; DAN CLAWSON. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER TERRI BRIERE. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

KATHY KEOLKER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; CHIEF I. DAVID DANIELS, Fire Department; DEPUTY CHIEF TIM TROXEL, Police Department.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2007 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ Weekend overflow parking for users of the boat launch at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park is available along Houser Way N. and at the south end of Boeing parking lot #11, beginning June 9.
- ✱ The Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park swim area and Kennydale Beach Park will be closed on June 18 in order to conduct the application of an aquatic herbicide. The herbicide will be applied below the surface of the water to treat and remove Milfoil, a non-native weed that chokes out native plants and can entangle people, boat propellers, and fishing lines.
- ✱ Beginning June 16, SW 34th St. (on the east and west side of the creek) will be temporarily closed to through traffic in order to facilitate removal of the existing culverts and installation of the new box culvert for the SW 34th St. Culvert Replacement Project.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment: Puckett -
New Life - Aqua Barn
Annexation, Maple Valley
Hwy

Jerry Puckett, 15260 Oak Dr., Renton, 98058, spoke on the matter of the New Life - Aqua Barn Annexation, commenting that he is looking forward to annexing to Renton. He thanked the City and New Life Church for their efforts.

Citizen Comment: Hulten -
New Life - Aqua Barn
Annexation, Maple Valley
Hwy

Bill Hulten, 13836 SE 158th St., Renton, 98058, stated that last week, Council asked about the interest of the Maple Ridge Estates property owners in annexing to Renton as part of the New Life - Aqua Barn Annexation, if the boundary was expanded to include the neighborhood. Pointing out that he does not want the neighborhood's inclusion to negatively affect the annexation effort, Mr. Hulten reported that the data he collected shows the strength of the interest of a strong majority of the property owners, and a formal petition would yield signatures from homeowners representing greater than 60 percent of the assessed valuation of the neighborhood. However, he noted that the data is not as complete as he would like it to be.

Continuing, Mr. Hulten reported that of the property owners who were reached over the past week, 83 percent of the assessed valuation of the property owned by those expressing interest in annexation is represented. Of the total assessed valuation of Maple Ridge Estates, 55 percent is represented by respondents expressing interest in annexation. Mr. Hulten expressed his hope that Maple Ridge Estates will become part of the City of Renton in the near future.

Citizen Comment: Dideon -
New Life - Aqua Barn
Annexation, Maple Valley
Hwy

Scott Dideon, 14013 SE 159th Pl., Renton, 98058, voiced his support for including Maple Ridge Estates in the New Life - Aqua Barn Annexation. He noted that a majority of the neighborhood's homeowners voted against the Fairwood Incorporation.

Citizen Comment: Lichty -
New Life - Aqua Barn
Annexation, Maple Valley
Hwy

Loran Lichty, 15711 152nd Ave. SE, Renton, 98058, representing New Life Church, the proponent of the New Life - Aqua Barn Annexation, expressed his appreciation for the efforts of previous speaker Bill Hulten to determine the interest of the Maple Ridge Estates residents in annexing to Renton. He noted his hesitations to include the neighborhood in the annexation as follows: 1) the goal of 60 percent favorable property value by Maple Ridge Estates was not met; 2) the lack of specific response from the 25 properties located beyond Maple Ridge Estates that are only accessible through the neighborhood; and 3) the opposition by the individuals seeking to include Maple Ridge Estates into a future city incorporation is unknown and not currently in opposition of the subject annexation. (See page 199 for discussion concerning this matter.)

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Meeting Minutes of
6/4/2007

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 6/4/2007. Council concur.

AJLS: Library Capital Assets
re Annexations, King County
Rural Library District

Administrative, Judicial and Legal Services Department requested approval of an agreement with King County Rural Library District regarding the transfer of library capital assets in the event of certain annexations. Council concur. (See page 202 for resolution.)

Court Case: Wendall Woodall
as Assignee of Edmonds Plat,
CRT-07-004

Court Case filed on behalf of Wendall Woodall as Assignee of Edmonds Plat, LLC, by Nathan James Neiman, seeking damages allegedly due to the City's negligence in failing to notify Edmonds Plat of the fire suppression system requirement prior to construction of a residence at 1758 Newport Ave., which resulted in demolition and construction in order to retrofit the residence with a sprinkler system. Refer to City Attorney and Insurance Services.

Development Services: White
Meadow, ROW Dedication,
Meadow Ave N, SHP-06-159

Development Services Division recommended acceptance of a deed of dedication for additional right-of-way on Meadow Ave. N. to fulfill a requirement of the White Meadow Short Plat. Council concur.

Finance: Joint Purchasing
Agreement (Voicemail), WA
School Information Processing
Cooperative

Finance and Information Services Department recommended approval of an agreement with Washington School Information Processing Cooperative to allow the purchase of voicemail system software and services from Verizon. Council concur. (See page 202 for resolution.)

Fire: Assistance to Firefighters
Grant, Purchase of Self-
Contained Breathing
Apparatus, Budget Amend

Fire Department recommended approval of the appropriation and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$429,420 granted by the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters to purchase firefighter personal protective equipment, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), and large diameter hose

for fire engines. Approval was also sought for the purchase of SCBA from sole source vendor SeaWestern Fire Fighting Equipment in the amount of \$375,000. Council concur. (See page 202 for ordinance.)

Fire: Emergency Management Performance Grant, WA State Military Department, Budget Amend

Fire Department recommended approval of an agreement with the Washington State Military Department to provide Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant funds in the amount of \$66,714, and approval for appropriation and expenditure of the funds to support the emergency management program. Council concur. (See page 202 for resolution and ordinance.)

Plat: Brookefield North, Hoquiam Ave NE, PP-07-012

Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Brookefield North Preliminary Plat; 15 single-family lots on 2.17 acres located at 1154 and 1160 Hoquiam Ave. NE. Council concur.

Utility: Surface Water Utility Master Plan

Utility Systems Division recommended approval to adopt a Surface Water Utility Master Plan upon completion of review. Refer to Utilities Committee.

Utility: Water Use Efficiency Plan, RW Beck

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement in the amount of \$92,999 with R.W. Beck, Inc. for development of a Water Use Efficiency Plan. Council concur.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Annexation: New Life - Aqua Barn, Maple Valley Hwy

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REMOVE FROM THE TABLE THE NEW LIFE - AQUA BARN ANNEXATION. CARRIED.

Economic Development Administrator Pietsch stated that the decision before Council is whether to move forward with the New Life - Aqua Barn Annexation boundary as is, or to expand the boundary to include the Maple Ridge Estates area. He pointed out that as far as he knows, the property owners of parcels located south of Maple Ridge Estates, the only access for which is through Maple Ridge Estates, have not been contacted regarding their interest in annexation to Renton. Mr. Pietsch also pointed out that the inclusion of the Elliot Farms subdivision is not recommended.

In response to Council inquiries, Mr. Pietsch stated that Maple Ridge Estates cannot pursue annexation on its own as it is not timely, and the subdivision is not located directly adjacent to the City. In regards to the subject annexation, he explained that once the 60% petition is circulated, the signatures collected are good for 180 days. Mr. Pietsch indicated that Maple Ridge Estates can ask the Boundary Review Board (BRB) for removal from the Fairwood Incorporation's boundaries. Mr. Pietsch further noted that the Elliott Farms subdivision will not technically become an unincorporated island and most likely will not be included in the subject annexation by the BRB.

Councilmembers Persson and Clawson each noted the difficulty of the decision. Mr. Corman inquired if anyone was present in the audience who resides in the subdivision to the south of Maple Ridge Estates and can discuss the road that accesses the subdivision.

Sylvia Dailey, 13970 SE 159th Pl., Renton, 98058, noted that her residence is located on the street in question, as well as her son's (previous speaker Scott Dideon). She explained that the reason the area was thought to be a separate subdivision is because the 25 properties are called View Point at Maple Ridge Estates. Ms. Dailey reported that she and her son visited homes along SE 159th

Pl. and the majority of those they spoke with expressed interest in annexing to Renton. She indicated that the data that previous speaker Bill Hulten collected included View Point and Maple Ridge Estates.

Bill Hulten, 13836 SE 158th St., Renton, 98058, clarified that the data he presented only reflects the homeowners in Maple Ridge Estates.

Councilmember Clawson also noted the difficulty of the decision, pointing out the possibility that the annexation may fail if not for the addition of Maple Ridge Estates.

In response to Councilmember Palmer's inquiry as to who has been contacted in the subject annexation and what their positions are, Mr. Pietsch replied that he did not know who the proponents have talked to. He voiced his understanding that proponent Lichty was waiting for Council authorization of the 60% petition prior to going out into the community. Regarding the Wonderland Estates Mobile Home Park property, Mr. Pietsch stated that in October 2006, King County received a complete development application that vests the property owner to the existing King County development regulations.

MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL EXPAND THE ANNEXATION BOUNDARY TO INCLUDE MAPLE RIDGE ESTATES, WHICH INCLUDES VIEW POINT AT MAPLE RIDGE ESTATES.*

Councilmember Corman agreed with Councilmember Clawson saying that including Maple Ridge Estates may make it more likely that the annexation would be successful. Council President Nelson expressed concern regarding the extra burden on the proponents if the annexation boundary was expanded. Mr. Corman commented that Maple Ridge Estates residents should be responsible for collecting the signature for the Maple Ridge Estates area.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW MR. LICHTY TO MAKE HIS COMMENTS. CARRIED.

Loran Lichty, 15711 152nd Ave. SE, Renton, 98058, emphasized that New Life Church will support whichever decision Council makes. He clarified that in the Maple Ridge Estate's data collection, 101 of the 157 homes were reached; thus the 83 percent represents 101 households when in reality the 60% annexation petition will be based on 157 homes. Mr. Lichty estimated that a boundary expansion will delay the signature collection process by approximately one month.

Continuing, Mr. Lichty noted the difference of a homeowner expressing an opinion for informal data collection versus actually signing an annexation petition. He commended Maple Ridge Estates residents for their efforts and for their level of organization. Saying that he sees both sides of the matter, Mr. Lichty noted the lack of contact he has had with property owners in the current annexation area; therefore, he does not have a good gauge as to their interest in annexation.

*MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL: ACCEPT THE CERTIFIED 10% NOTICE OF INTENT PETITION AS MODIFIED WITH THE INCLUSION OF MAPLE RIDGE ESTATES; AUTHORIZE CIRCULATION OF A 60% DIRECT PETITION TO ANNEX FOR THE EXPANDED ANNEXATION AREA; AND SUPPORT FUTURE ZONING

CONSISTENT WITH CURRENTLY PROPOSED 2007 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS FOR THE AREA. CARRIED.

Committee of the Whole

Planning: Minimum
Annexation Sizes

Council President Nelson presented a Committee of the Whole report regarding minimum annexation size guidelines. The Committee was briefed and recommended that no changes be made to the current annexation practices at this time. However, the Administration is encouraged to track the costs and revenues generated by annexation activity and request budget increases to ensure the sufficient provision of services to all areas of the City as annexation occurs. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 259842 - 260190 and three wire transfers totaling \$2,484,379.94; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 144, zero wire transfers, and 680 direct deposits totaling \$1,272,762.44. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 259842 - 260799 and six wire transfers totaling \$5,873,252.52; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 304, zero wire transfers, and 1,364 direct deposits totaling \$4,305,742.92. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Human Resources: 2007
Group Health Cooperative
Medical Coverage Contracts

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the annual review of the Group Health Cooperative medical coverage agreements as follows: LEOFF 1 (Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters) Retirees (Contract Nos. 0057500 and 4057500); and all other City of Renton covered employees (Contract No. 1162600). Funding was previously approved by Council in the 2007 Budget. The revisions are applicable to all three of the renewal contracts. As in prior years, Group Health does not send confirming contracts for signature until mid year. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contracts. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation (Aviation) Committee

Airport: Development Policy
Priorities, Examining
Alternatives

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report regarding Renton Municipal Airport policy priorities and examining alternatives. In April and May of 2007, the Committee reviewed the key policy recommendation in the 2005 Renton Municipal Airport Development Study adopted by the City Council in June 2005. The Committee has made a number of revisions in the development policies and recommended their formal adoption by Council. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Planning & Development Committee

Planning: City Code Amends
re Tree Retention

Planning and Development Committee Vice Chair Clawson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the tree retention and removal ordinance. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance be prepared for first reading. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS AND

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

ORDINANCES**Resolution #3883**

AJLS: Library Capital Assets
re Annexations, King County
Rural Library District

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement regarding disposition of library capital assets from the King County Rural Library District to the City of Renton in the event of certain annexations. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3884

Finance: Joint Purchasing
Agreement (Voicemail), WA
School Information Processing
Cooperative

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal joint purchasing agreement with the Washington School Information Processing Cooperative in order to jointly bid the acquisition of goods and services. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3885

Fire: Emergency Management
Performance Grant, WA State
Military Department, Budget
Amend

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement with the Washington State Military Department and Department of Homeland Security, entitled "Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), Contract #E07-363." MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 6/18/2007 for second and final reading:

Fire: Assistance to Firefighters
Grant, Purchase of Self-
Contained Breathing
Apparatus, Budget Amend

An ordinance was read amending the 2007 Budget by using \$429,420 from the Fund 000 fund balance for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the Renton Fire Department. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/18/2007. CARRIED.

Fire: Emergency Management
Performance Grant, WA State
Military Department, Budget
Amend

An ordinance was read amending the 2007 Budget by using \$66,714 from the Fund 000 fund balance for the purpose of supplemental funding to support the City's emergency management program. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/18/2007. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

Ordinance #5290

Police: Red Light School Zone
Photo Enforcement Program

An ordinance was read adding a new Section 10-12-15, Traffic Safety Cameras, of Chapter 12, Traffic Code, of Title 10 (Traffic) of City Code by authorizing the use of automated traffic safety cameras to detect certain traffic infractions; adopting the standards and restrictions regarding use of traffic safety cameras in RCW 46.63.030 and RCW 46.63.170; and setting the monetary penalty for an infraction detected by an automated traffic safety camera. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:03 p.m.

Recorder: Michele Neumann
June 11, 2007